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EDITORIAL

CARL JUNG'S PUZZLEMENT

After a lapse of many years, I decided to re-read Jung's "Flying Saucers... a Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Sky". I was well rewarded; I found much between the lines (and even on the lines) that I had somehow missed before.

One thing is clear to me; Jung had, in 1954, a grasp of the complexity of the UFO situation which many UFO students and researchers a quarter of a century later do not yet have. It was in 1954 that a newspaper requested an interview with Jung on this subject. He refused with this reply:

"I must tell you that in spite of the interest I have taken in this subject since about 1946, I have still not been able to establish an empirical basis sufficient to permit any conclusions to be drawn. In the course of years I have accumulated a voluminous dossier on the sightings, including the statements of two eye witnesses well known to me personally... and have read all the available books, but I have found it impossible to determine even approximately the nature of these observations. So far, only one thing is certain; it is not just a rumor, something is seen (emphasis his)... Although for eight years I have been collecting everything that came within my reach, I must admit I am no further forward today than I was at the beginning. I still do not know what we are up against with these flying saucers! The reports are so weird that, granted the reality of the phenomena, one feels tempted to compare them with parapsychological happenings... We must wait and see what the future brings. So-called "scientific" explanations, such as Menzel's reflection theory, are possible only if all the reports that fail to fit the theory are conveniently overlooked.

"That is all I have to say on the subject... an interview would therefore not be worthwhile(!)"

Jung died years later, still very puzzled about UFOs. He had wanted very much to be able to explain UFOs on a psychological

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J. Allen Hynek

BASIC INFORMATION

A MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE UFO PHENOMENON

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HOW WE LEARN OF UFOS:
UFO reports reach us from news departments, civilian organizations and individuals all over the world, but most of our reports stem from the Center for UFO Studies' UFO Hotline. This is a 24-hour, toll-free telephone service for the exclusive use of U.S. law enforcement agencies, FAA facilities, planetaria and other formal channels. It gives us the chance to follow up important cases rapidly for first-hand information with unlimited long-distance capability. Other advantages include:

- pre-screening of practical joke calls,
- immediate summarized descriptions for every sighting, and
- the encouragement of police UFO witnesses to call in.

HOW WE DEFINE UFOS:
Any anomalous aerial phenomena whose appearances and/or behaviors can't be ascribed to conventional natural or man-made sources - not only for the original witnesses but also for analysts who may possess technical qualifications the witnesses lack.

NL - Nocturnal Light: distant anomalous light seen in the night sky.
DD - Daylight Disc: distant objects seen under daylight conditions - often disc-shaped.
RV - Radar/Visual: UFOs seen by radar and vision simultaneously - good agreement between the two accounts is essential.
CE I - Close Encounter of the First Kind: UFO seen within 500 feet.
CE II - Close Encounter of the Second Kind: CE I's that influence the environment - includes physical traces, physiological effects and electromagnetic (EM) interferences
CE III - Close Encounter of the Third Kind: CE I or II associated with creatures, humanoids or robots ("UFOnauts").

HOW WE NUMBER CASES:
All UFO sightings will receive a three-element number for identification purposes. The first two numbers refer to the volume and issue number of the edition that first describes the case. The last number refers to the order in which it arrived (Example: "1-1-7", the seventh case of the first issue).

HOW WE PRESENT OUR CASES:
IUR learns of almost 100 current U.S. cases each month (this figure fluctuates considerably). We order our presentation of these reports as follows:

1- UFO of High Merit:
Such a case represents a balance of high "strangeness" with a strong probability that it took place as described. As such, it receives our closest attention and followup.

2- UFOs of Limited Merit:
These cases are of intermediate stature. They are UFOs in the sense that we don't know what they are, but for a variety of stated reasons (distance, poor details, single witness status, etc.), they warrant a lesser degree of scrutiny.

3- Identified Highlights: 90% of the reports we receive are ascribed by us to natural and man-made sources. Eight out of ten of these "IFOs" are caused by stars, ad planes, aircraft lights and meteors, in that order; the rest are caused by a multitude of sources. Having established this pattern firmly in our first three years of operation, we are now presenting details only on those IFOs that provide insight into the interpretation of the UFO reports that remain.

Of course, all three of these categories may not be present in each issue. We provide details for cases on a mid-month to mid-month basis because we want to present the UFO reports as "news" as fast as possible. For a chronological sequence, refer to our "Profile" maps in the back of the issue.

FOR THE RECORD

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear editors:

I have a few observations on your analysis of the famous New Zealand UFO film (see the July and August, 1979 issues - Ed.):

You rule out Japanese (and presumably Taiwanese and South Korean) squid fishing boats as a possible explanation by noting that "the fleet" was pointed out by the crew off in the distance. However, photos from the DMSP satellite clearly show that these boats often fish in clusters scattered throughout the coastal waters, as well as in a single large grouping. The satellite photo taken that night does not have sufficient clarity to pinpoint individual boats in this region.

Anomalous radar propagation (radar "angels") are supposedly ruled out on the basis of balloon-borne radiosonde readings. However, according to a technical paper on radar propagation published by the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL Report 7725, June 7, 1974, page 38), a radiosonde is a slow-response instrument, whose data is not sufficiently accurate to permit a reliable Refractive Index Forecast for radar to be computed. The rapid appearance/disappearance of the objects is highly suggestive of radar "angels". Furthermore, the above-mentioned NRL report contains a map showing that the east coast of New Zealand experiences some sort of anomalous radar propagation condition approximately 30-45% of the time during the Southern Hemisphere summer.

Finally, you allege that "the skeptics have avoided" this film, which supposedly proves it to be "a truly mysterious event". This is simply not true. At the recent public symposium in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the International Fortean Organization, both Philip J. Klass and myself participated in a panel discussion of this film, in which CUFOS' Bruce Maccabee and MUFON's Richard Hall also participated. In addition, the New Zealand UFO film will be discussed at some length in my forthcoming UFO book.

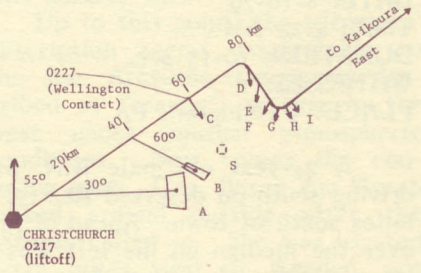
Robert SHEAFFER
Silver Spring, Maryland

Dr. Bruce Maccabee, who did the research on the New Zealand case, replies:

Robert Sheaffer has pointed out that the presence of the squid fleet and the occurrence of weather-related anomalous radar propagation could explain at least some of the events related to the New Zealand film and associated sightings.

The presence of the squid fleet has, of course, been known since the sightings were first reported. (Bill) Ireland (of Australia's DSIR - Ed.) in a Dec. 1979 document has supplied information showing that the main fleet was about 140 nautical miles (260 km) east of Christchurch and that there were some boats fishing west and northwest of the South Island. According to Ireland, squid boats fishing legally report the positions at which they fish to the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Therefore, a search was made of the records to determine whether or not any boat reported fishing about 32 NM east-northeast of Christchurch, or anywhere in that vicinity on the night of Dec. 30, 1979. No such boat was found in the records. Since the location would be legal for squid fishing (position estimated by Ireland to be about 5 NM outside the 12-mile limit), the fishing would only be illegal if the boat did not report.

Thus, one is left with the illegal/unknown fishing boat as the hypothetical source of the light, seen and photographed as the plane flew northeast from Christchurch. Since it is not possible to prove that a boat was there by using information other than that supplied by the witnesses, then it is necessary to prove that the information supplied by the witnesses is consistent with the fishing boat hypothesis. However, that information, embodied in the track of the aircraft and the best present estimates of directions, conflicts with the fundamental deduction from the squid boat hypothesis: namely, that the light should be stationary as the plane flies by. Referring to the figure, one sees that the radar detections and sighting lines suggest that the object moved at speeds comparable to those of the airplane.



RADAR DETECTION: sectors "A" and "B" indicate the degree of uncertainty in the exact azimuth and distance figures. The radar detection lasted an estimated 5 minutes. The first radar observation took place seconds after the first visual observation (not "minutes", as suggested in the previous publications).

VISUAL SIGHTINGS: "C" was the sighting direction when the plane contacted the Wellington tower. "D" through "I" are estimated directions after the plane's right turn and during its left turn. "S" is the location of Ireland's hypothetical squid boat. The depression angles associated with directions "D" through "H" were noticeably downward; direction "I" may have been as much as 45°. The depression angle to location "S" (on the surface) from the plane at 13,000' would be only about 10°.

Sheaffer has pointed out that the radiosonde measurements are rather poor indicators of the weather and refractive index conditions that might be occurring during the actual sightings. However, during the sightings that took place just after midnight on Dec. 30 (i.e., around 0030 Dec. 31), attempts were made to detect the effects of anomalous propagation (extreme downward bending of the radar beam causing it to reflect from landforms beyond the normal radar "horizon") by the radar technician on duty. According to the technician, no more than the normal amount of land was seen along the coast of the South Island (southwest of Wellington, where the radar was located) or north of Wellington. The radar technician did not see the effects of anomalous propagation.

(Ed. note: the first sightings of unusual lights were seen to the west, over land, against a backdrop of mountains -- flying squid boats?)

U.S. SIGHTINGS

NOTE: IUR routinely affords confidentiality to all reporting witnesses. Witness names are withheld from print unless the news media have already released them, or the case is important enough to warrant seeking permission.

UFOs of Limited Merit

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PENNSYLVANIA "FOOTBALL"

CASE NO.: 4-6-1
TYPE: CE I
DATE: 8-16-79
TIME: 4:22 AM
DURATION: 10-15 sec.
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: Washington, PA

A 24-year old male R.N. was driving south on deserted Rt. 19, 7 miles south of town. Ahead of him over the median on his left was a large silvery, luminous form. It looked like a football against the foggy sky, sharply defined, with its pointed ends drooping downward. It was his impression that the "football" was only 60 feet up as he drove underneath it, as it s angular size was about 10^{0} at this stage (the size of a clenched fist held at arm's length). No noise could be heard. As he rounded a corner to his right, he got his last look at the object hovering stationary through his rear-view mirror.

KENTUCKY DAYLIGHT SAUCER

CASE NO.: 4-6-2
TYPE: DD
DATE: 8-16-79
TIME: 4:30 PM
DURATION: 5-6 min.
WITNESSES: 5
PLACE: Providence, KY

A 40-year old farmer's young daughter called his attention to a silver pan-shaped saucer closing on their eastbound truck from the east. As the saucer flew silently westbound almost overhead, its angular size was comparable to a full moon. The farmer and children could see the saucer tumbling in flight, turning over sideways before disappearing behind a hill. A "high spot" bubble was reportedly on top of the saucer, while the bottom was flat. It was the farmer's estimate that the saucer was 2000-3000 feet up.

TEXAN NL

CASE NO.: 4-6-3
TYPE: NL
DATE: 8-19-79
TIME: 10:20 PM
DURATION: few min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Dallas, TX

When a 41-year old insurance auditor stepped outside of his home, 16 miles SE of town, to watch the approach of a thunderstorm from the NW, he didn't expect to see a round form with steady amber portholes overhead. The object was silent and vague, the shimmering (not rotating) light making it "hard to get a clear picture of the whole thing". Like a distant plane in angular size, it darted SE in the direction of some radio towers, cleared them and was lost from sight low in the SE sky.

The witness was reminded by the sight of one of the UFOs in the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". His neighbor allegedly saw this as well, but was unavailable for comment.

Possible advertising plane?

WISCONSIN DD

CASE NO.: 4-6-4
TYPE: DD
DATE: 8-25-79
TIME: 3:30-4:00 PM
DURATION: 6-7 min.
WITNESSES: 3
PLACE: Balsam Lake, WI

From his seat in a boat, a 25-year old personnel administrator in the company of two sisters saw a sharply-defined, oblate form about 50^{0} up in the SE sky. The form had a reflective metallic surface and was as large as a quarter held at arm's length. It was seen to move downward in an oscillating manner, stop and ascend again, make a small circle and move off to the NE. Clear sky, no noise.

WISCONSIN "CURLING STONE"

CASE NO.: 4-6-5
TYPE: CE I
DATE: 8-25-79
TIME: 10:30 PM
DURATION: 4-5 min.
WITNESSES: 4
PLACE: Hudson, WI

A 40-year old real estate salesman left his car when a man in a car in front of him had jumped out to see a form like a "curling stone" in shape. This flattened circle had a seam around its middle, dark rectangular spots on top and a shiny orange cast like a strong plastic (note: the reporting witness is color-blind to an extent). Indeed, he thought it was a balloon at first, living as he does 7 miles from a weather balloon station, but later felt it didn't look like one ("hard"-looking, not soft) or behave like one (no bobbing). He guessed it to be 10-20' in length and slightly larger than a full moon in angular size. It moved in a straight line from 30^{0} in the SE to the NE; then it went straight up out of sight. He never did get to see its underside. Clear sky, rural area.

NEW YORK NL

CASE NO.: 4-6-6
TYPE: NL
DATE: 8-26-79
TIME: 4 AM
DURATION: 1-1/2 min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Batavia, NY

Driving east on Rt. 33 in clear calm weather, a 23-year old Kodak technician and his friend saw a sharply-defined, luminous yellow form. Its shape was reminiscent of a football, but compressed with the

points rounded. It seemed as large as a full moon in the eastern sky as it hovered, drifting back and forth, to the north side of the road a mile ahead. When the witnesses felt they were within 3/4 of a mile of the object, it took off further east in 5-10 seconds, maintaining the same altitude and leaving a small (but brief) trail behind.

NEW YORK NL APPEARS TWICE

CASE NO.: 4-6-7
TYPE: NL
DATE: 8-27-79
TIME: 11 PM
DURATION: 1 min.
WITNESSES: 4
PLACE: Smithtown, NY

The entire family of a 34-year old salesman watched a round object with a "wrought iron" band around its equator and many small, steady, orange lights across its top and bottom fly toward them from 30° up in the north. The outline of the sphere was seen distinctly, although the witnesses noted that the bottom and middle of the structure was more clearly discernible in the clear, dark sky than the top. The witnesses remained outside after it disappeared to the south (30° up), feeling that it would reappear. It did, flying from the west toward the east at 12:20 AM. It stopped, went westbound again, and rose up at a 90° angle very rapidly. No sound was heard.

The angular size here was similar to that of a distant plane, never larger; hence, there is a chance that this was simply an observation of an unusual aircraft.

A FLYING FENCE POST IN WASHINGTON STATE

CASE NO.: 4-6-8
TYPE: landed DD
DATE: 8-29-79
TIME: 8 AM
DURATION: 30 min.
WITNESSES: 3
PLACE: Pasco, WA

A 49-year old woman who runs a farm 10 miles north of town drove the 3 blocks distance from her house to her irrigation system to turn it on. Looking out over a field of 1' high alfalfa, she spotted what appeared to be a "post" sitting 1/2 mile away to the south in this shallow valley. She could not account for the reason why a 4-5' tall marker, alternately shiny red and silver, would be sitting out on that property. She made a mental note to check it out after she finished turning the irrigation on.

Five to ten minutes later, she observed that the bullet-shaped "post" was no longer on the ground, but was "one block" up in the air and much closer to her now. It flew slowly from the SW to the NW in a horizontal position now, providing her with enough changes of perspective that she could determine the flat bottom of the "bullet" to be black, the rounded end shiny silver.

The witness called a neighbor whose house was only a block away from the spot where the object was originally seen. The 43-year old woman living there rents from the original witness. She saw the form in the west proceeding further west, appearing to her like a shiny disc, fluctuating in brightness. This neighbor watched it for the last ten minutes of its flight before she saw it disappear further west. Both witnesses agreed on the angular size being "between a distant plane and a full moon", as well as the scattered cloud conditions. No trace of the object could be found in the alfalfa field.

ORANGE NL IN ILLINOIS?

CASE NO.: 4-6-9
TYPE: NL
DATE: 8-29-79
TIME: 10:30 PM
DURATION: 1-1/2 hours
WITNESSES: 3
PLACE: Sycamore, IL

This case received considerable attention on the Chicago TV news shows. Charles Weeden, 32, a mechanic who lives 1/2 mile west of town called his father to look outside at the western sky. Both men saw an orange light two times the size of a star about 45° up. The silent light seemed to exhibit a slight trail as it hovered, dropped and zigzagged its way back up to its original position again. Its erratic motions downwards and sideways seemed extremely fast, but its general motion westbound was notably slow.

Up to this point, the witnesses' description seems attributable to the star Arcturus (frequently described as "orange") setting in the west under unusual atmospheric conditions. Now comes the confusing part: Dep. Berna Von Vlerah looked around outside after the witness called in. She was located 2-1/2 miles west of Weeden, not even as far west as his father, yet reported seeing the orange light to her SE, low above the horizon! It hovered stationary low above the horizon, looking larger than a full moon to the naked eye and very hazy. Using binoculars, she could resolve a flat-bottomed orange dome shape within the light. She continued to watch it for five minutes.

The deputy then drove the distance to Weeden's house and watched it with him in the western sky. As she drove, she did not actually watch it become displaced from one direction to the other. The deputy drove west on Rt. 64 after it,doing about 25 mph. When it started moving off to the NW, she cut north on Clair Rd., then west on Old State Rd. again. The light changed direction again toward the SW; when it crossed the county line, the deputy gave up the chase.

LANDING IN IOWA?

CASE NO.: 4-6-10
TYPE: landed (?) NL
DATE: 8-30-79
TIME: about 2:30
DURATION: 1-2 hours
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: Lamoni, IA

A 24-year old student camping alone at Slip Bluff Park was awakened by the agitated barking of her

small dog (part husky, part shepard). Looking out the window of her tent, she spotted some peculiar lights to the north about a city block away. She got dressed and stepped outside into the clear night to see a formation of lights deployed around what appeared (in the dark) to be a long, oval-shaped form through the sparse trees. Five greenish/white lights could be seen in the "upper layer", while about 25 glaring - but dimmer - white lights surrounded the bottom. She could not tell if the light formation was actually touching the ground or hovering (silently) above it very closely. Eventually, the object disappeared by moving horizontally away, still close to the ground, and still seen through trees, toward the lake NW of her.

The witness tried photographing the light cluster but nothing developed on the 110-format film. When she walked to the area beyond the trees, she found a large, shapeless area in the grass that looked matted down, but this was not confidently linked to the UFO by the witness.

Investigator Mike Buman went to the area after the witness had left and searched for any other evidence of the object's presence with no success. He did confirm the witness's claim that she spoke with the park ranger about her UFO sighting. He also spoke with people who had a trailer near her tent that night, but they did not notice anything during those early morning hours.

CALIFORNIA FLYING DRUM

CASE NO.: 4-6-11
TYPE: DD
DATE: 9-3-79
TIME: 7:30 PM
DURATION: few min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Oroville, CA

What appeared to be an "aluminum oil drum with wings" flew over this rural residential area in a clear, daylight sky, according to an elderly couple there. Smaller than a full moon in angular size (and estimated to be the actual size of a small aircraft), the metallic drum had a "corrugated" bottom and two wings, not pointed, each as long as the diameter of the "barrel" body. No sound was heard as the object flew at a low altitude directly overhead from the SE to the NW in a straight line.

No other reports via the sheriff's office. Possible aircraft?

CAR INTERFERENCE CASE

CASE NO.: 4-6-12
TYPE: CE II - EM
DATE: 9-3-79
TIME: 9:30 PM
DURATION: over 1 min.
WITNESSES: 4
PLACE: Balsam Lake, WI

On their way from a cottage, two couples in their 30's watched a red disc larger than a "silver dollar at arm's length" hovering stationary in the clear western sky before them. Then the dashboard and engine lights failed in the '74 Dodge Monaco Sedan -- yet the engine continued to function. The driver, a mechanic and professional truck driver by profession, brought the car to a stop and fumbled for the fusebox under the dashboard. No sound could be heard from the intensely bright form over the idling of the car motor. Then the lights came back on by themselves; when the auto moved forward again, the lights quit once more. This situation recycled 5-6 times in less than a minute. The darkened car was driven slowly past the rural wooded area until the base of a hill was reached. Once their view of the orb was blocked, the lights came on again and they could continue driving. When they crested the next hill, the disc was off to the SW now, and moved further SW at "incredible speed".

Investigated by Brad Ayres; the owner of the car noted there had been no previous trouble with the lights, and his subsequent tests showed them to be OK.

STRANGE FALLS IN UTAH

CASE NO.: 4-6-13
TYPE: landed DD
DATE: 9-3-79
TIME: 7:45 PM
DURATION: 2-3 sec
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Ogden, UT

While hunting with his daughter, a 42-year old member of Weber State College was attracted by what seemed like the sound of a screaming, tumbling artillery shell. Looking up in the SW, he briefly watched a dark, roundish "chunk" dropping straight down, landing in the brush 500 yards uphill from his position with a loud thud. In actual size, it could have been anything from "a basketball to a bathtub", but in angular size, it was slightly less than a full moon ($1/2^0$). Five seconds later, he heard the same sound, and watched a second white form land in the swampy area 1000 yards downhill, again landing in 2 seconds. The hunter searched the area all day with his children but could not find the projectiles. UFO-related... or Fortean falls?

VIRGINIA NL

CASE NO.: 4-6-14
TYPE: NL
DATE: 9-3-79
TIME: 10:40 PM
DURATION: 1 min.
WITNESSES: 2+
PLACE: Cape Charles, VA

The partner of the reporting witness, a 34-year old police officer, called his attention to a silvery light in the clear night sky. The light looked like an intense star, but was zigzagging about in an extreme manner, with excursions in excess of 10^0 across the sky. Initially seen about 45^0 up in the NE, the light moved up/down, sideways, stopped and moved again until it disappeared to the north.

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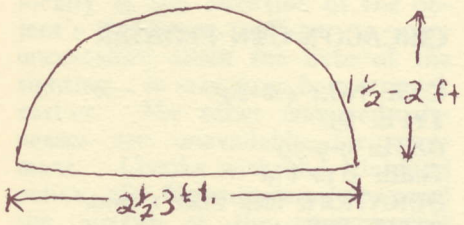
DD & INDEPENDENT WITNESSES

CASE NO.: 4-6-15
TYPE: DD
DATE: 9-4-79
TIME: 7:45 PM
DURATION: 7-10 min.
WITNESSES: 3+
PLACE: New Richmond, WI

Three men in their mid-20's were driving north in a pickup truck down Richmond Township Road "A" through rolling, cultivated farmland. Stationary over the treetops about 500 feet to the west was a silver dome or disc, estimated to be about 3' across and 2' high. It dropped down against the background of trees and moved toward the road, crossing it at about 10 mph behind the pickup (now stopped to watch the disc). It continued east, skimming over the hayfield and pausing to hover, 10' up. The truck turned around and drove south to the spot where the object had crossed the road. All three jumped out to watch the silver form wobbling 300 feet off the road. Two more cars stopped and their drivers got to watch. As one of the original witnesses approached the fence, the disc rose up to 60' altitude, and floated eastbound, wobbling.



Witness Sketch

Clear sky, winds officially out of the south.

Investigator Brad Ayres checked with area industries; whatever it was, it wasn't part of their activities.

In a seemingly related development, a retired couple in the same city about three major streets south of the sighting watched a silver globe emerge from a low cloud just above the northern horizon. The globe was sharply defined and had a large angular size, like a silver dollar held at arm's length. The witnesses lost sight of it when a wooded windbreak blocked their view to the north. Total sighting duration: 7 seconds. After it was gone from sight, their car shook so badly, it was difficult to keep it under control. A noisy roar assailed their ears, and they felt surrounded by a strange pressure. No similar problems were noted with their car before or since.

TUMBLING CONE IN WISCONSIN

CASE NO.: 4-6-16
TYPE: DD
DATE: 9-4-79
TIME: 8:15 PM
DURATION: 1-1/2 min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Ashland, WI

Two boys, 13 and 14, were standing near the former's home, watching a cone with a slightly curved bottom flipping around and tumbling silently toward the NE. Three-quarters the size of a moon, the cone was distinctly outlined against the still-sunlit sky. The boys jumped on bicycles and attempted to pursue it, but it outdistanced them toward the NE, rotating first right to left, then left to right.

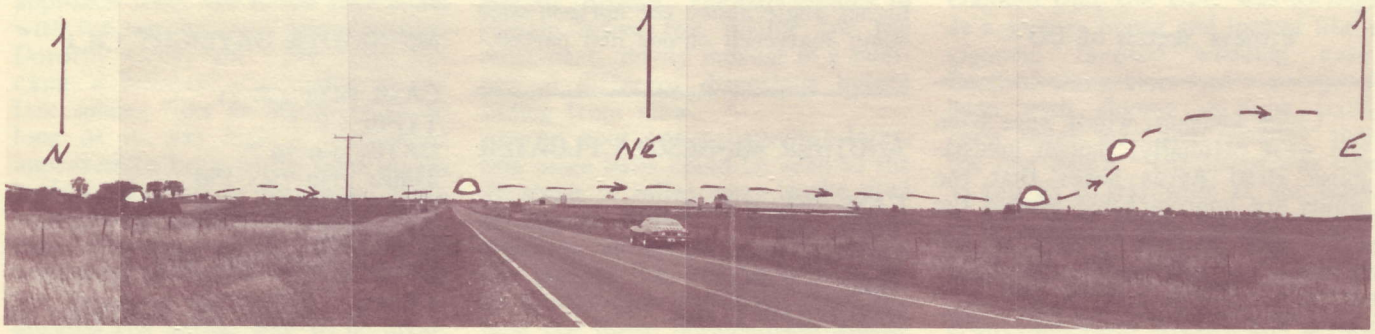
Possible balloon?

THEN, THE NEXT DAY...

CASE NO.: 4-6-17
TYPE: DD
DATE: 9-5-79
TIME: 10:45 AM
DURATION: 5 min.
WITNESSES: 5
PLACE: Dresser, WI

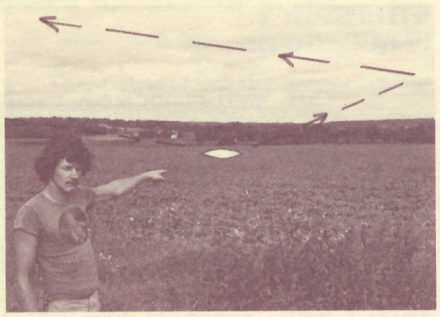
This well-publicized event happened 15 miles NNW of the last case. Lawrence Hogan, a 25-year old mechanic/maintenance man for a local ski area was driving home for a tool through the thinly populated, heavily-wooded hills 1 mile east of town on County Road MM. To the north ahead of him was a black "dot" above the trees, perhaps a mile away. It moved within moments over the trees ahead of him, 50' up; it slowed down about 600 feet away and descended below the treeline. Hogan himself was driving toward it at 35 mph at this time. As he watched it head east, going 30-40 mph, he stopped the truck.

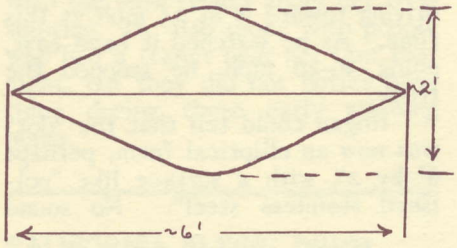
Hogan could tell that the "dot" was now an elliptical form, perhaps 6' by 2', with a surface like "polished stainless steel". No sound



Composite Photo by Brad Ayres - 4-6-15

could be heard over the idling of his engine. Hovering only 10' above a green bean field, the object began to rise slowly and head SE over East Lake, just as another witness arrived on the scene, Dennis Christianson, 35. It hovered again, now about 200' up. Hogan continued north, watching it furtively as he drove; he believes he saw it turn at the end with a faltering motion. Christianson drove north, then east around the lake to the Osterman Sand & Gravel Pit. With three other witnesses, he watched it accelerate from 1000' up in the south to a position 3000' over the gravel pit. Its underside grew reddish before the ellipse disappeared as a dot straight up in the sky.





Witness Sketch of DD

Clear weather; winds were from the west officially, though investigator Brad Ayres notes that the winds are unpredictable around the hills. Checks with residents in the area, the airport, the Air Route Traffic Control Center, the U.S. Weather Bureau and the Polk County Sheriff Department yielded no new insights.

TRUCKERS SEE MILWAUKEE DOME NL

CASE NO.: 4-6-18
TYPE: NL
DATE: 9-7-79
TIME: 8:30 PM
DURATION: 4-5 min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: S. Milwaukee, WI

21-year old truck driver Bruce Szewczuga was heading eastbound on Drexel Blvd., west of the railroad tracks, when he observed something a lot larger-looking than a full moon, but dimmer in luminosity. Low in the east before him was a glowing dome composed of different shades of orange; the top part was well-defined, and had a point that bent to the right; the bottom was obscured partially by trees. The dome seemed to bob up and down a few feet in the distance as the truck approached. When the driver felt he was within one block of the form, it either receded into the distance in the east, or held its position and shrank in actual size, slowly at first, then rapidly.

Local papers inaccurately described the shape as a "mushroom" -- the witness told IUR that there was no "stem" on the dome's bottom. The passenger in the truck, Randall Froschheuser, was not wearing his glasses; consequently, he could only resolve a "triangular" shape and was dependent on Szewczuga for details.

Checking star charts for that date and time revealed that a nearly full moon was also present low in the east. Szewczuga noted in a later call that he could see the moon following the sighting at a higher angle above the horizon once some scattered clouds had parted.

ANOTHER MINNESOTA FLOATER

CASE NO.: 4-6-19
TYPE: DD
DATE: 9-8-79
TIME: 7-8 PM
DURATION: 2 min.
WITNESSES: 32
PLACE: Anoka, MN

In a clear, calm twilight sky, a large crowd of people attending a 25th anniversary party were puzzled by what the reporting witnesses described as a brown object with a many-sided underside "like a Susan B. Anthony dollar". A 49-year old housewife described the object as looking much larger in angular size than a full moon, possibly being 3-4' in diameter. Her husband guessed it to be more like 8-12'. Both agreed there was a raised circle on the bottom. The small form moved very slowly, "4-5 stories high", from the south to the north, passing directly overhead. No noise was heard.

CHICAGO'S OWN FLOATER

CASE NO.: 4-6-20
TYPE: DD
DATE: 9-9-79
TIME: 4:30 PM
DURATION: less than 1 min.
WITNESSES: 5
PLACE: Chicago, IL

"Gee, that looks like a flying saucer," thought the 38-year old member of the heating industry. Apparently, his neighbors and members of his family agreed. The silver disc had an angular size half that of the moon, but a black center could still be resolved on the underside and the outline was distinct against a clear blue sky. No noise was heard as the form moved silently from S to NE directly over the house at what seemed to be a high altitude. No other reports from this residential section of western Chicago.

MINNESOTA DAYLIGHT CE I

CASE NO.: 4-6-21
TYPE: CE I
DATE: 9-9-79
TIME: 7:30-7:45 PM
DURATION: 12 sec.
WITNESSES: 4
PLACE: Richfield, MN

A 52-year old distributor of trailers was outdoors with customers near the freeway (494) when

they noted a silver form shaped like a truck tire with a flat underside moving southbound. It passed over a building due west of them and stopped for 4-5 seconds. It was three times larger than a moon against the sunset sky, with a length/height ratio of 3:1. There was an edge around the middle and a small, flat area on the bottom. It moved silently again "with authority", passing 80-90' away from them. The reporting witness had the impression that it was 6-8' in diameter. Then it flew off to the NW toward a residential area.

The witness noted that the wind direction was probably the same locally as the direction of the object's departure. There is some uncertainty about the date of the sighting... it may have been a week earlier. The other unnamed witnesses are unavailable for comment. Checks with the Richfield police, the Bloomington police and the airport at the time proved fruitless.

DELAWARE DD

CASE NO: 4-6-22
TYPE: CE I
DATE: 9-11-79
TIME: 5:40 PM
DURATION: 10 min.
WITNESSES: 7+
PLACE: Millsboro, DE

This case came to the attention of the Delaware press during a period when "star" IFOs dominated the local papers. Donald Schultie, 49, the owner of Ducks Service Station watched a blue/grey form approach from low in the east along with his son, 22, and councilwoman Dorothy Grey, 40. The form became a "saucer" - actually an oblate sphere "like an M&M" twice as long as it was high - with what appeared to be a white light on its surface, flashing or rotating; there was general uncertainty as to whether this was a real light or a reflection of the sun (which had not yet set in a clear sky). Schultie guessed the actual size to be about 10 feet wide; Grey compared its size with a helicopter. There was mild disagreement over whether the form was larger or smaller in angular size than a full moon. The saucer hovered stationary and silently over the adjacent field about 300-500 feet away for five minutes. Then, slow as a balloon, it moved off toward the NW and climbed higher and higher until it became a black dot in the sky. As it became more distant, the original witnesses were joined by police officer Rick Chamberlain and others. A pair of binoculars was finally produced, but the object was too distant for them to reveal anything that wasn't seen with the naked eye.

When he first saw it in the east, Schultie thought he was watching a kite. Later, someone would remark: "Aw, it's radio-controlled... someone's playing a joke on us!" When the councilwoman asked IUR what we thought it was, we told her: a blue/grey saucer with a flashing white light!

MORE NLs IN YAKIMA

CASE NO.: 4-6-23
TYPE: NL
DATE: 9-12-79
TIME: 11 PM
DURATION: 5 min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Yakima Indian Reservation, WA

A fire lookout of 15 years experience in the company of a friend, positioned at the Satus Peak tower, observed a "fairly large", orange, luminescent ball between the Goat Rocks Wilderness Area and Mt. Adams. The ball seemed to remain below the skyline for the most part, slowly moving in a number of different directions before fading from view.

An hour and 15 minutes later, two more balls could be seen to the SE about 11 miles away in the area of Simon Butte. These moved about in an erratic manner above the skyline. A few seconds later, an orange glow emerging from behind the Butte heralded the arrival of a third orange ball, hovering and swinging above the Butte like a balloon. All three then faded from view after 45 seconds.

The third ball made a final reappearance five minutes later in the same area, displaying the same intensity and actions. It was visible for 30-45 seconds before fading from view over this uninhabited terrain.

Investigator Bill Vogel notes that this sighting is typical of many that have arisen from the Reservation in Washington in the last 10 years. Flares? The lookout has observed flares to her north, launched from the Yakima Firing Center. The UFOs were much larger. Flares in the location of the second sighting would have caused a forest fire; furthermore, the area there is unroaded. Ball lightning?

A FACETED WEDDING CAKE?

CASE NO.: 4-6-24
TYPE: CE I
DATE: 9-17-79
TIME: 9 PM
DURATION: 2 min.
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: Portsmouth, VA

A 47-year old woman coming home from her sociology courses at a local university spotted what at first appeared to be a large star from her car. As the light drew closer to her, she slowed her car down, turned off her radio and air conditioner, and stuck her head out the window. It kept closing on her until it was only 30' up and less than a block away. Both car and UFO kept to a stop. The witness claimed that the UFO was as huge as a 3-story house and looked like a gigantic faceted wedding cake. Each of three tiers had a polygonal base with sloping straight walls; each level was also smaller than the one below. The shape was thus as tall as it was wide at the base. A low, slow motor sound could be heard, like a muffled boat. One small green light was positioned on the side of the object, while the entire underside flooded the ground with a general illumination. No

details or openings could be seen, except for a rectangular feature on the top tier surrounded by huge rivets. Following this encounter, the bizarre UFO allegedly moved slowly off to her left toward the Virginia Beach cutoff.

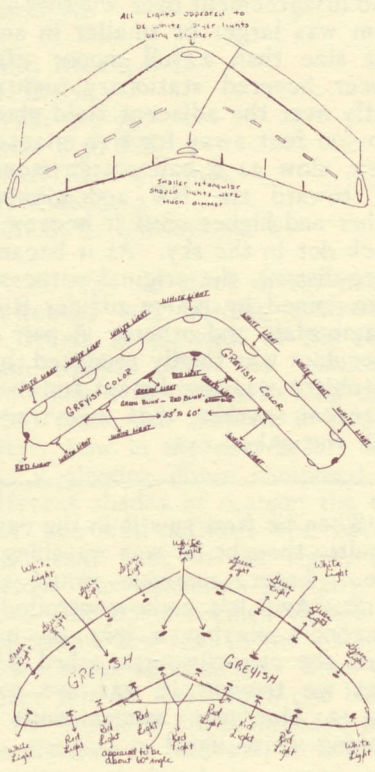
The witness said there were no other cars on the road at the time. She reported this only because she read an article in the paper that revealed other sightings from the same highway and time; these descriptions were different, however, referring to a shiny saucer with lights.

CONNECTICUT NL

CASE NO.: 4-6-25
TYPE: NL
DATE: 9-26 (or 27) -79
TIME: 8:45 PM
DURATION: 2-5 min.
WITNESSES: 3
PLACE: Norwich, CT

This case came to the attention of investigator Lawrence Fawcett while doing a Connecticut radio show. Pat Gagliardo, 30, in the company of another woman, watched a single white light, blinking motionlessly above the treetops; it suddenly shot to the right, stopped, then shot to the left behind trees. The two witnesses drove home, grabbed two binoculars and a third witness, and drove back to the scene. Training the optics on a light approaching from the east, they could resolve a boomerang shape approaching them with the concave side toward them. The boomerang stopped, tumbled end over end, and proceeded towards them again, the convex curve now leading. The grey form seemed to be moving as slow as a helicopter until it passed overhead; then it sped up to a high rate of speed in an easterly direction.

As can be seen from the sketches, there is considerable disagreement among the witnesses' perception of the deployment of colored lights across the surface of the grey boomerang. When it passed overhead, one witness reported hearing an engine sound, another, formerly in the service and familiar with aircraft, could not hear anything. All agreed there was no fuselage, like the old-style "flying wing". Their view of the craft was aided by the light of a nearly-full moon. In angular size, it was somewhat smaller than the moon (1/2°).



Separate Witness Sketches

Lawrence Fawcett (one of IUR's favorite investigators) interviewed all three witnesses separately. Checks with neighbors and police records supported the basic character of the reporting witnesses. All of the following agencies failed to offer any information that would have identified the sighting as a civilian, military or advertising plane:

- nearby Danielson Airport
- Air National Guard, T.F. Green Airport (Rhode Island)
- Tweed New Haven Airport
- Bradley International Airport
- Five local advertising plane companies.

There is an interesting sidelight here: shortly after the sighting, Pat Gagliardo received considerable press attention after she successfully located the body (and car) of a missing person for Connecticut police through psychic means.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF HOLLYWOOD SPECTACLE

CASE NO.: 4-6-26
TYPE: DD
DATE: 9-29-79
TIME: 8:45 AM
DURATION: 3-4 min.
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: Hollywood, CA

A 49-year old screenwriter standing in the heart of town was attracted by the sight of two bright silver spheres, sharply-defined, moving slowly across the sky from the low NW to the low SE. Each object had an angular size equal to 3/16" at arm's length, somewhat smaller than a full moon. The silent spheres were seen to revolve at 30 r.p.m. counterclockwise (as viewed from below) around a common axis between them, yet nothing physical was actually connecting them. The witness's line of sight was always in the plane of revolution; one sphere would block his view of the other as it passed in front of it. The sky was clear except for some wispy cirrus clouds.

No other people were in the area. The reporting witness changed position numerous times to preclude reflections on his glasses; his verbal description was also well above average in articulateness.

THE UFO THAT ALMOST HIT THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

CASE NO.: 4-6-27
TYPE: DD
DATE: 10-4
TIME: 12 noon
DURATION: 3 min.
WITNESSES: 6

U.S. SIGHTINGS

PLACE: New York City, NY

A 53-year old sales manager watched a silver, dome-shaped object with a black flat bottom (much smaller than a full moon) from a 38th floor window on Madison and 26th! So did three other people in his company and two people in the company one floor below. Initially seen to the west, it headed quickly north and made a sharp turn before hitting the Empire State Building. The reporting witness ran to a northerly window to watch it clear the Pan American building and fly off to the north along the Hudson River at what seemed to be a high (35,000') altitude. Clear sky.

The witness was embarassed to discover that no one else in the city formally reported this sighting to the mid-town south police, the city desk of the Daily News, Hayden planetarium or the weather bureau. Possible balloon -- see special insert.

RED GLOBES IN WISCONSIN

CASE NO.: 4-6-28
TYPE: NL
DATE: 10-6-79
TIME: 7:30 PM
DURATION: few min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Amery, WI

A 66-year old man watched the dusky overcast sky out the car window as his 51-year old wife drove southbound on County Road 46. The traffic was moderately heavy, so they suspect other people also witnessed the 2 red, luminous globes they saw hovering stationary above the SE horizon against the heavy cloud cover. Each extremely bright globe was the size of a full moon; they were horizontally oriented, spaced 3" apart at arm's length. The witnesses drove on for 2-3 miles watching them. Then the left orb joined with the right one and disappeared. The remaining orb was larger now, hovering 250' above the field to their left. As they left the area they reported seeing the entire field bathed in its pinkish

ANOTHER MINNESOTA DD

CASE NO.: 4-6-29
TYPE: DD
DATE: 10-16-79
TIME: 6:10-6:15 PM
DURATION: 5 min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: St. Paul, MN

Stepping out of their car in a parking lot near 694 on the east side of town, a zookeeper couple in their mid-thirties spotted a silver dome against the clear sky overhead. The dome had a flat bottom that seemed "black", though they noted this may have simply been shadow. They saw a sharp outline to the form, with an angular size comparable to a silver dollar at arm's length. Traffic noise prevented them from hearing any sounds. It varied in course as it proceeded toward the SE, moving up and down and drifting about. Yet the husband rejected the obvious hypothesis of a balloon, based on his familiarity with weather balloons in the south Pacific.

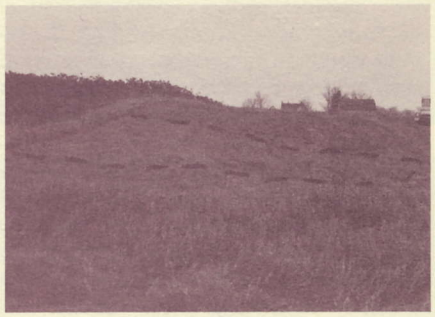
WISCONSIN CE II?

CASE NO.: 4-6-30
TYPE: CE II?
DATE: 10-20-79
TIME: 12:30 AM
DURATION: brief
WITNESSES: 1
PLACE: Baldwin, WI

A 15-year old resident of this town, watching TV in his family's farm house with ten acres of property, noticed two intense white lights through the dining room window, extended in size, circling behind one another in counterclockwise fashion. They seemed to be positioned to the NE just over the family's hayfield beyond their barn, 400 meters away. Unable to arouse more witnesses from the house, he opened the door and stepped outside, expecting to hear noise. There was none, though the dog seemed to want to get out. Then the lights

turned in on themselves and disappeared.

Three days later, the family found a 30' by 45' triangular area in the hayfield that was brown and dried. This corresponded to the area that the teen believed the lights to be.



ILLINOIS FLIPPING DISC?

CASE NO.: 4-6-31
TYPE: DD
DATE: 10-25-79
TIME: 5:56 PM
DURATION: 3-4 min.
WITNESSES: 2
PLACE: Westmont, IL

Driving southbound through this residential suburb of Chicago, a 19-year old and his 20-year old sister saw a flat-bottomed shape like a saucer; it was never seen other than from the side, however, and only 1/4 the "size" of a full moon. Bright luminous white in the middle, its outer edge was more yellow in color. The "saucer" was seen hovering low in the SW at first,

moving back and forth. When the witnesses stopped at a stop light, it was in the west, flipping over clockwise (as seen from the side, still) and somersaulting. When the witnesses came back out of a store, only clouds could be seen in the otherwise clear sky.

No other reports. Possible aircraft seen edge-on at sunset?

MYSTERY SPHERE ANNOYS NJ RESIDENTS

CASE NO.: 4-6-32
TYPE: CE I
DATE: 11-8-79
TIME: 6:55 PM
DURATION: 30 min.
WITNESSES: 8
PLACE: Elizabeth, NJ

Several elderly residents in an 11-family apartment building shared individual experiences with a small ruby-red sphere of light that appeared both inside and outside the building. Most witnesses agreed that it was the size of a half dollar. One witness watched it come right through the aluminum portion of a door. Another 70-year old resident said that it circled around his legs without touching him about one foot off the ground; he tried to stomp it out with his feet! The light would leave each witness by fading away before their eyes.

Police officer Charles Ritchie was called to the scene. As he was taking names, he saw it appear on the garage door for a few seconds, executing small circles. IUR has a copy of his out-of-the-ordinary police report.

Despite the clear weather (55°) outside, it all seems to suggest ball lightning again, though one of the elderly residents proffered an alternative explanation: "Somebody with knowledge of electronics is playing a prank on us!"

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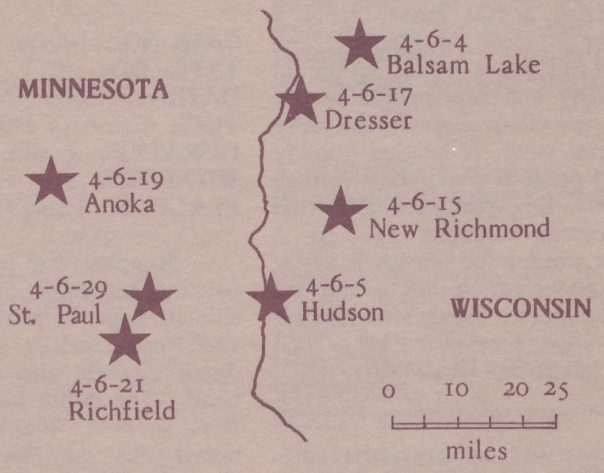
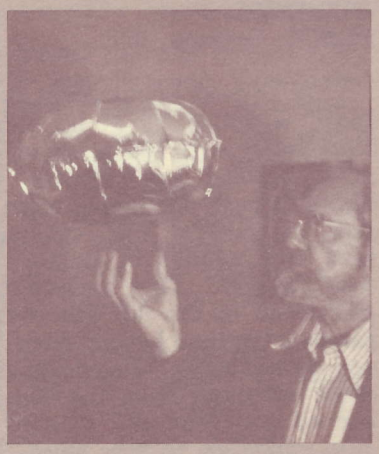
THOSE 7 DD'S FROM ST. PAUL...

DID THEY ORIGINATE IN ST. PAUL?

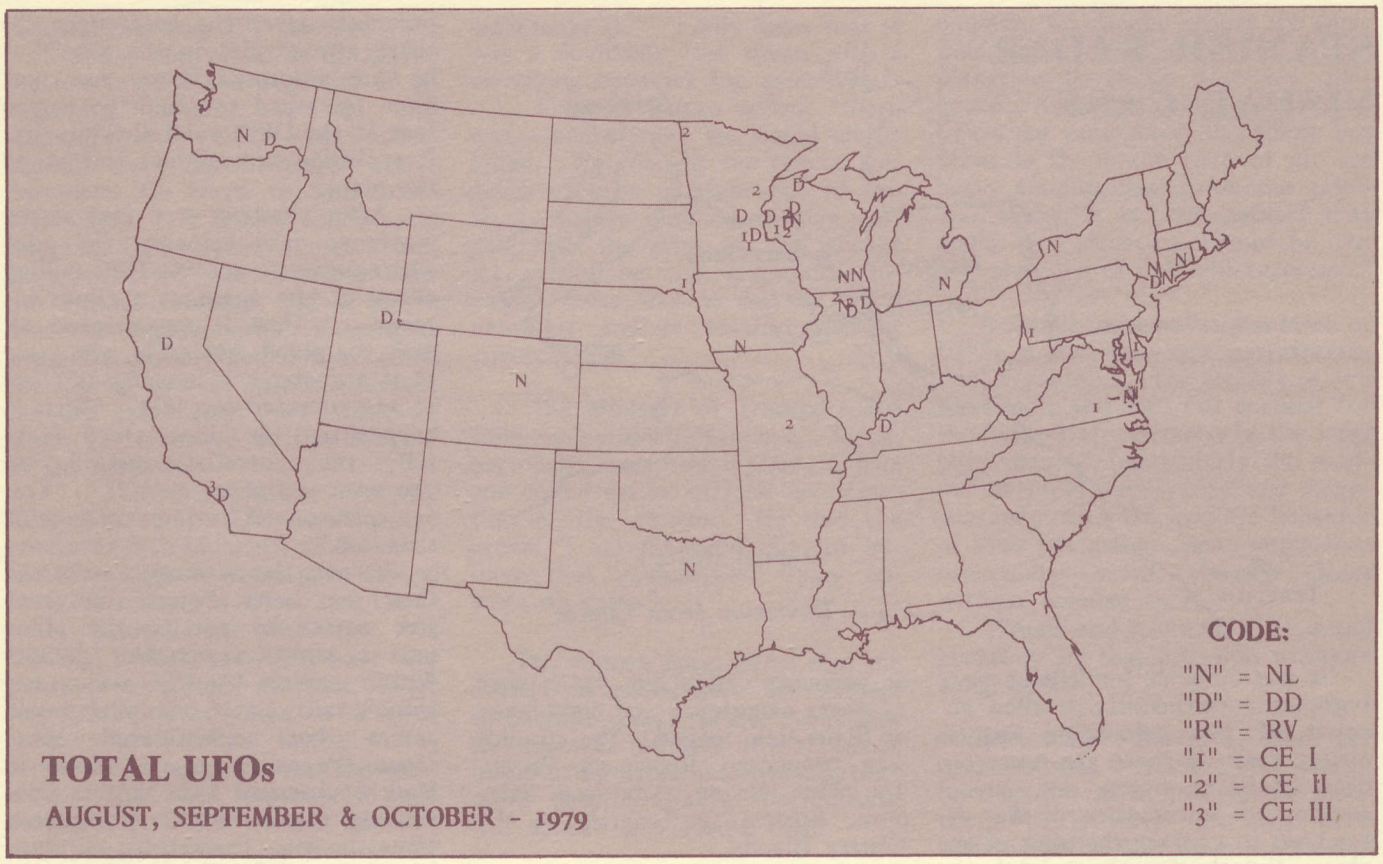


One of the witnesses who stopped his car in New Richmond to watch the silver disc later remarked that it resembled a small, helium-inflated "saucer" toy he saw at a Minnesota State Fair. These toy balloons, called "Fantastic Floatables", are marketed out of St. Paul, Minnesota. On the underside of the oblate sphere is a cardboard disc with perforated tabs; by carefully tearing off the tabs, the balloon can be made to hover in one place... no strings attached! Furthermore, the plastic material used is claimed to be less porous than rubber to helium molecules. Thus, instead of sinking in 8-12 hours, the toy saucers can (allegedly) stay aloft for 2-3 weeks if the user continues to tear off the tabs with time. Also, the cardboard weight on the bottom holds the saucer in a horizontal posture, unlike a regular balloon.



Investigator Brad Ayres showed an inflated sample to the New Richmond witnesses. They acknowledged that it had a similar shape and behaved in flight similar to their own sighting; nonetheless, it looked smaller, less deliberate in its motions, less domed on top and just didn't "feel" right. The official wind direction for the area was generally the opposite of the observed motion of the UFO on September 4. Yet even if this case can't be easily explained by the toy balloon, what about the other Minnesota and Wisconsin cases described in this issue? Could they have arisen from this St. Paul toy? Those descriptions of "curling stone" shapes with seams around the middle, shiny plastic textures, dark circular features on the undersides, small estimated sizes and wobbly, hovering motions certainly fill the bill!

PROFILE



TOTAL UFOs
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PALM BEACH PUZZLE

CASE NO.: 4-6-33
TYPE: NL
DATE: 11-8-79
TIME: 7 PM
DURATION: 10-15 min.
WITNESSES: 5
PLACE: West Palm Beach, FL

A rather articulate 13-year old girl in the company of 4 of her peers was in a "state of shock" as they stood outside and watched a round form with many sections of lights in six different colors around its exterior. They also reported seeing a bubble roof, "something square" on top and an oval-shaped door in front. This seemingly-conspicuous contraption descended in the east to about 50' altitude and hovered there for 5 minutes. It ascended slowly, flew over the store near the witnesses and continued north - speeding up and slowing down - returned to the area and disappeared over the southern horizon.

This one is pretty problematic; the sighting took place on Parker Avenue, which forms part of the perimeter of the airport in town... yet a quick call to the FAA facility there two hours after the sighting resulted in no visual confirmation there! By the same token, the controllers were not aware of any advertising planes in the area.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Six other cases from this period - from August 15 to November 14 - were presented in detail last issue (including the Marshall County CE III). Several other cases from this three-month interval are still under investigation; if any are worthy of "UFO" status, we will detail them in the next issue and add them to the map for the year. Included among these are an unusual CE III claim from Illinois and a Radar/Visual case involving the Washington, D.C. FAA on the same date as the Spanish airline case.

AUGUST
Total Number of Reports.. 169
Number of UFO Reports..... 19
UFOs: 11%

NL	9
DD	3
CE I	4
CE II	2
CE III	1

SEPTEMBER
Total Number of Reports.. 147
Number of UFO Reports.. 18
UFOs: 12%

NL	4
DD	8
CE I	3
CE II	3

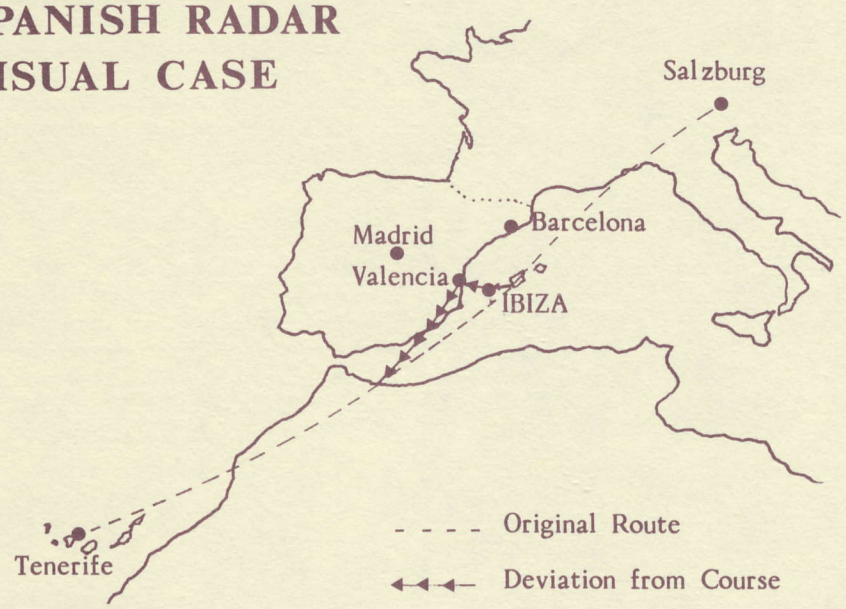
OCTOBER
Total Number of Reports.. 98
Number of UFO Reports.. 6
UFOs: 6%

NL	1
DD	3
CE II	2

FOREIGN FORUM

NOTE: IUR cannot exert the same "first-hand" control over foreign cases as domestic ones. It is of value, at least, to compare the reported characteristics of the phenomenon abroad with those from the U.S.

SPANISH RADAR VISUAL CASE



It was difficult for IUR to piece together a confidently-detailed account of this celebrated Spanish airline case, as there are numerous data conflicts among our various sources of information. We attempted to contact the pilot of the plane directly by phone while he stayed at the Hotel Iberia following the flight, but we did not succeed at reaching him. This account is based on a concensus of information from domestic and foreign sources; in the absence of first-hand information, however, our standard Foreign Forum caveat still holds. In particular, the editors would like to thank reporter Alan Smith and Dr. Richard Haines for their valuable assistance:

ENVIRONMENT

DATE: November 11, 1979
STARTING TIME: 9:47 PM
PLACE: Spanish airspace, 25,000' altitude over the island of Ibiza.

WITNESSES

IN THE AIR: The crew members (either "4", "6" or "7" depending on the source) and a minority of the 109 (other accounts said "119") Austrian and German passengers on a Caravelle jet (flight number 297) operated by the Spanish "T.A.E." airline company. The pilot was Capt. Javier Lerdo Tejada, 54 (other accounts called him "34"), with 15 years experience and 8000 hours of flight time logged. The co-pilot was Francesco Rodriguez Zuazu. The plane was en route from Salzburg, Austria to Tenerife in the Canary Islands.

IN THE AIR: The pilot of an F-1 Mirage interceptor (see text).

ON THE GROUND: 15 air traffic controllers at the Barcelona tower. Forty people on the ground at the Valencia airport, including the airport's director, Sr. Marlan.

APPEARANCE

Two large red lights separated by a fixed distance as if they were attached to a single (unseen) body. One account had each light appear to be 3 times the angular size of a star, and of "great" brightness. When the lights came close to the plane, the pilot estimated that the overall UFO was much larger than a jumbo jet. It was also noted that the lights did not seem to spin.

MOTION

A Barcelona controller contributed the manner in which the case began. The UFO was seen coming straight toward the plane from a distance of 10 miles. The pilot nervously asked the controllers, "is there anyone else in the area?" -- he was informed there was not. Then he asked to climb to 29,000 feet as the UFO was following him. It travelled around him and paced the plane.

After climbing 5000 feet at the maximum safe velocity, the pilot was amazed to see the UFO pulling ahead of him again at 3 times his speed. Then it maneuvered all over the plane: behind it, alongside of it and above it, coming as close as an estimated 500 feet. "What is happening," the pilot asked fearfully; the controllers replied, "do you want a fighter escort?" "Yes, yes, please. It is impossible, this situation."

Warning the passengers to fasten their seat belts, Tejada took evasive action by putting the plane into a steep, 14,000-foot plunge. Within seconds, the UFO was on the plane's tail. Later, the pilot would assert that sophisticated, long-range "Pegasus" radar systems in Madrid observed two targets descending 12,000 feet in 30 seconds after the jet... "something no plane I know can do". Tejada swung the plane to the right and was surprised to see the UFO dance around him. The lights ascended and descended what appeared to be thousands of feet in seconds. One account had the ground radar track targets at speeds up to 2,500 mph -- but remember, the crew saw only one object with two lights. The UFO was seen visually to execute incredible sharp turns, disappear on the plane's right and reappear on its left. Again, the pilot dropped the plane from its 15,000-foot altitude to 5000 feet. It was here that they lost sight of the intense red lights about 30 miles from Valencia at 10:08 PM. Total sighting duration: 21 minutes. The plane then deviated from its intended course, landing prematurely in Valencia at 10:25 PM.

A Barcelona controller told the press that 15 workers in the tower all saw four UFOs in the area on radar before the Caravelle jet appeared. When Capt. Tejada told them he was being followed by one object with red lights, Barcelona ATC told him there were at least 3 more in the sky. The controller

claimed that one UFO hovered 9000 feet above the plane as it landed for one minute and departed at an "alarming" speed. It was also claimed that the UFOs were "zooming all over the airspace" above Barcelona for three to four hours afterwards. A police report said that two UFOs hovered over Valencia's military base, another over the airport terminal and a fourth over the landing strip. Passengers from the plane claimed they could see the UFOs over Valencia Airport for two hours after they landed... a claim corroborated by the director of the airport.

The Spanish Air Defense Command at Los Llamos (Albacete province) then launched an F-1 Mirage interceptor sometime around 10:15 to 10:25 PM (after the Caravelle landed) to intercept the UFO(s). Most accounts have the interceptor return to base after only ten minutes; another account quotes Capt. Tejada saying it returned after one hour and ten minutes. The pilot supposedly took photographs while in the air, but these are restricted to the secret military inquiry.

Reportedly, several citizens in the Valencia area also reported seeing similar UFOs, and one newspaper ran a picture taken from the ground.

WITNESS REACTION

Not all of the passengers claimed to have seen anything unusual. Indeed, 58 of the 109 passengers signed a petition asserting that the pilot made up the UFO story to cover up the fact that the plane was not airworthy. These passengers were initially upset that the flight was four hours late in departing from Austria. Yet ground crew personnel checked out the plane when it put down in Valencia, and declared it to be in "perfect condition".

An elderly male passenger sitting in a window seat collapsed when he saw the lights.

Capt. Tejada told the press "I was never so glad to touch Mother Earth in my life." Extremely frightened by the three near-collisions during the sighting, the pilot asserted that he "really didn't think we'd make it." "I only know that it was a devilishly fast thing, with a terrifying capacity for maneuver."

Co-pilot Zuazu added: "there was a real danger we would all be killed. We thought the object was going to wipe us right out of the sky." Tejada claimed to have spoken with the pilot of the Mirage jet, noting he was frightened because "there was no way he could catch it and it totally outmaneuvered him."

The Minister of Transport and Communications, Sanchez Teran, personally interviewed Capt. Tejada and called for an official investigation of the matter. He told the press: "I am prepared now to believe that unidentified flying objects do exist."

The editors again stress that the details presented here are subject to possible error. In the event that the Spanish military reveals more information from its investigation, more details (and/or corrections) will appear in a future issue.

NEXT ISSUE: A French abduction case -- "Travis Walton" style!

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basis alone -- as a myth of our times, a product of our "collective unconscious", visions resulting from mankind's unconscious terror of the precarious state of the world, but he could not disregard the physical aspects of UFOs. He would have agreed, I am sure, with Aime Michel's characterization of UFOs as a "festival of absurdity" yet he was certainly one of the first to recognize the dualistic nature of the UFO phenomenon, the strange combination of the seemingly absurd parapsychological aspects and the purely physical aspects as observed especially in the physical trace cases. He wrote:

"The apparently physical nature of UFOs creates... insoluble puzzles for even the best brains (that ought to be a comforting thought for many of us!)... Considering the essential weirdness of the UFO phenomenon, we cannot expect the familiar, rationalistic principles of explanation to be in any way adequate... Since the things reported of UFOs not only sound incredible but seem to fly in the face of all our basic assumptions about the physical world, it is very natural that one's first reaction should be the negative one of outright rejection."

A simple, rational explanation of UFOs is that they are extraterrestrial visitations. The trouble is, it's too simple and does not account for the "essential weirdness of the UFO phenomenon", particularly the manner of rapid appearance and disappearance of UFOs, and the behavior of their occupants... who sometimes reportedly move through doors without opening them.

Visions and hallucinations would certainly fit that bill, but, to quote Jung again:

"Unfortunately, however, there are great reasons why the UFOs cannot be disposed of in this simple manner... UFOs have not only been seen visually but have have also been picked up on the radar screen and have left traces on the photographic plate."

Yes, Jung was puzzled. A vision, a hallucination, a projection from the unconscious that can break tree branches, stop cars, and affect animals?

Jung would find little solace in the progress that has been made since he wrote these quotes. In the intervening years, we are sure of only one thing, which he was already sure of when he wrote: "something is seen, but it isn't known what".

Dr. Gordon Melton has summarized the state of our UFO knowledge succinctly:

"The work has not been done to produce the solid base of knowledge from which we can come to grips with the full complexity and scope of the phenomena now lumped together and called "unidentified flying objects". It's back to Square One, and with minds more open and free of prejudice than when we started at Square One a third of a century ago.

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